

REMARKS

The Office Action objected to Fig 3 in the drawings for incorporation of an erroneous reference number. Applicant hereby proposed amendment of Figs 3 and 4 as set forth above.

Wrongly numbered claims 14, 15, and 16 have been canceled.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph objections, i.e., the antecedent basis problems noted with regard to claims 3 and 5, have been corrected by amendment.

Rejected claims 12, 14, 15, and 16 have been canceled.

The Office action indicates allowability of claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-11. Original claims 3 and 5 were rejected only as to matters of form.

In response, applicant amends allowed claims 1, 6, and 8 to improve readability of the claim language. Claims 3 and 5 were amended to correct the noted antecedent basis problems. New claims 16-23 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-11 and 16-23 are pending for consideration.

New independent claims 16 and dependent claims 17-21 recite a receiver-side router interface as illustrated, for example, in Fig 5 of the subject application.

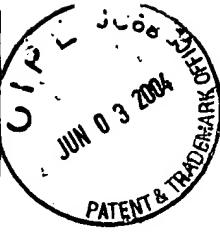
Accordingly, claim 16 is the receiver-side analog to the transmitter-side router interface recited in claim 1. This relationship suggests allowability of claim 16 over the art of record for the same reasons as claim 1. Dependent claims 17-21 follow.

New independent claim 22 recites all of the limitations of allowed claim 1 in a system. Accordingly, claims 22 and 23 are allowable over the art of record.

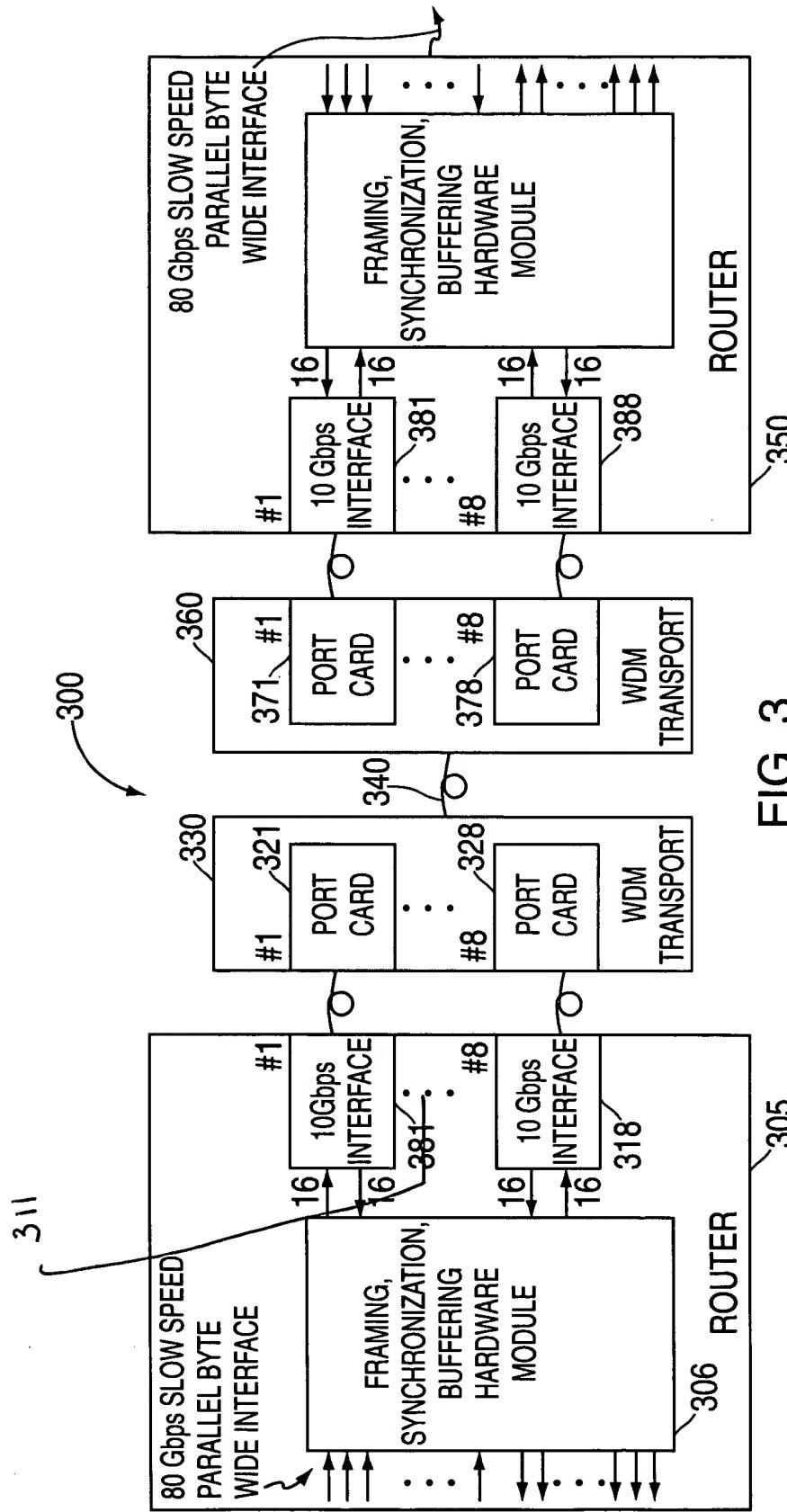
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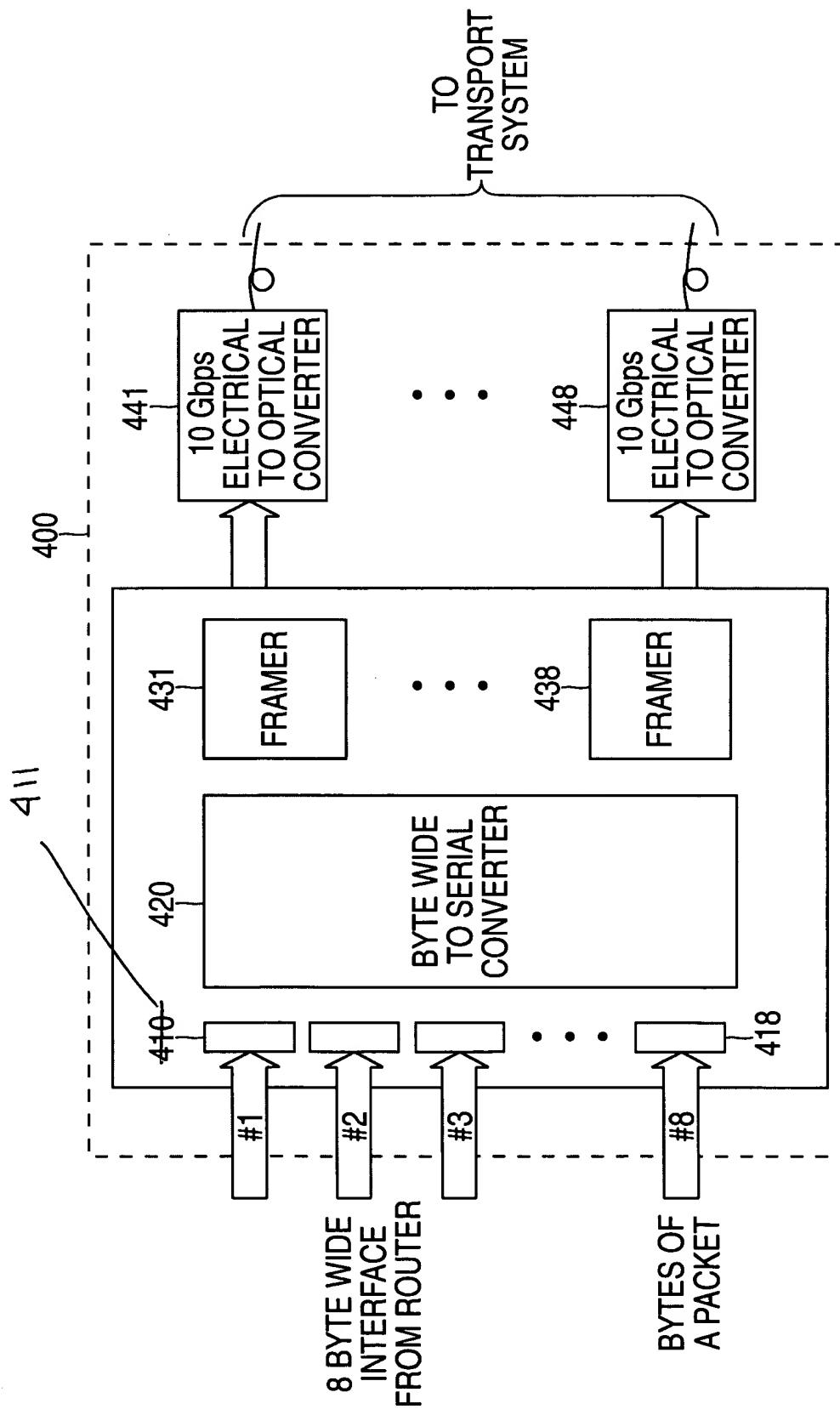


FIG. 4